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## MAYOR BARRETT ENCOURAGES ALL RESIDENTS AFFECTED BY FLOOD TO APPLY FOR FEMA AID

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FEMA Aid Surpasses \$26 Million; More than 20,000 residents registered

MILWAUKEE – Milwaukee residents whose homes were damaged during the July 20-24 flooding have received more than \$26 million in aid since FEMA granted individual assistance on September 18, 2010.

"I am pleased so many residents have already received FEMA aid," Mayor Barrett said. "Individual assistance for damaged properties is still available and I urge those residents who have not yet applied for federal aid to do so as they may be eligible for some financial relief."

Once individuals have registered, a FEMA inspector will visit the home. FEMA is averaging a two-day turnaround and 87.7 percent of the homes have already been inspected.

Please refer to the following contact information in order to apply for FEMA aid: 1-800-621-FEMA (3362), for speech and hearing impaired individuals 1-800-462-7585 or online at <a href="https://www.disasterassistance.gov">www.disasterassistance.gov</a>. The hotline is open from 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m., seven days a week.

Individuals may visit one of the Disaster Recovery Centers located at the City of Milwaukee Department of Public Works 3850 N. 35<sup>th</sup> St. Milwaukee, WI 53216 or the Milwaukee Brotherhood of Firefighters Association 7717 W. Good Hope Rd. Milwaukee, WI 53223. The Disaster Recovery Centers are open Monday through Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

After the initial request for federal aid for Individual Assistance was denied, Mayor Barrett worked with FEMA representatives and other state and local officials to ensure Milwaukee residents got the assistance they needed.

Additionally, the City of Milwaukee has led an unprecedented clean-up effort for the elderly, disabled and other residents with special needs. To date, the City has helped clean more than 150 homes, deploying more than 100 volunteers and working with over 30 organizations.

"The continuing clean-up efforts are helping to return Milwaukee homes and neighborhoods to safe and healthy living conditions," Mayor Barrett said.